



Fifth Sunday of Lent



April 2, 2017

Dear Parish Family,

Passiontide: is a name for the last two weeks of Lent, beginning on the Fifth Sunday of Lent, long celebrated as Passion Sunday, and ending on Holy Saturday. In the Roman Catholic Church, all crucifixes and images may be covered in veils (usually violet, the color of vestments in Lent) starting on Passion Sunday: "The practice of covering crosses and images in the church may be observed, if the episcopal conference decides. The crosses are to be covered until the end of the celebration of the Lord's passion on Good Friday. Statues and images are to remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil." [Instruction for Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent in the Roman Missal.]

Transitions at Holy Family: I informed both the Parish Council and Finance Council that Nigel McBain, after much prayer and discernment has decided to return to his homeland of Australia. Nigel will be entering the Seminary to study for the Priesthood, as a member of the Ordinariate of the Southern Cross. He will be missed here at Holy Family, and I wish him every success! We will again be looking for someone to replace him, and may again need all those with musical ability to generously step up and volunteer your talents for the glory of God.

Fr. Stevens

PARISH COLLECTION



Envelopes:	\$ 10,850.00	(318 parishioners)
Loose:	\$ 1,050.56	
Children:	\$ 104.24	

Total collected last week: \$ 12,004.80 Thank You!

An average of \$14,000 in weekly contributions is needed to offset the cost of living increase for parish expenses, etc. Thank you!

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CATHOLIC FAMILY SHARING APPEAL: (CFSA)

Our 2017 Goal:	\$ 117,000	
Pledged thus far:	\$ 63,619	(54%)
Collected thus far:	\$ 55,369	(47%)
Parishioner response:	382	(35%)

CFSA 2017 – Thank you to those who have already responded to this year's Catholic Family Sharing Appeal. We still need to hear from many of you, so please fill out your pledge card and return it as soon as possible. If you have misplaced yours, please let the parish office staff know at 996-3639. Thank you.

AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWALS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS (ACH): If you would like to have your church contributions automatically deducted from your bank account each month, call the parish office at 996-3639. Forms can also be found on our website, www.holyfamilymitchell.com (under FORMS) that you can fill out and return to the parish office.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: We welcome those who are new to our parish and ask them to call the parish office for registration information, or if you are moving, please also notify the parish office at 996-3639.

BAPTISM: Last Sunday of the month after the Saturday evening Mass (6:15pm) or Sunday after the 11:30am Mass (12:45pm). Please notify the parish office and a Baptism Information Form will be provided.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Tuesday – 8:30am – 8:00pm
† Open volunteer spot from 3 to 4pm. Please call the parish office.

WEEKLY CONFESSIONS: Tuesday–5:30pm and Saturday–3:30pm
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Outreach Ministry – Just a reminder...
If you have family members or friends in the parish who are unable to attend church, please call the parish office at 996-3639 so that they can be placed on our list to visit.



† PARISH NEWS

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE:

- TODAY, Sunday, April 2nd: 3:00 PM – at HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

THIS WEEK'S LENTEN CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

- Monday, April 3rd: 12:00 PM
- Tuesday, April 4th: 12:00 PM, 5:30 PM
- Wednesday, April 5th: 12:00 PM
- Thursday, April 6th: 12:00 PM, 5:30 PM
- Saturday, April 8th: 12:00 PM, 3:30 PM

HOLY WEEK LITURGIES:

- April 13th – Holy Thursday Mass – 5:30 PM (Adoration to follow 'til 10 PM)
- April 14th – Good Friday Passion of the Lord – 12:15 PM
Living Stations – 5:30 PM
- April 15th – Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass – 7:30 PM
- April 16th – Easter Sunday Masses – 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 AM

REMINDERS:

NO MORNING MASS ON THURSDAY & FRIDAY OF HOLY WEEK.
THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED GOOD FRIDAY & EASTER MONDAY.

Prayer for the Sanctification of the Family

Heavenly Father, we bring before you the families of our parish. We ask you to bless, guard, and defend them. Open the hearts of all to receive your Word and know of your love and care for them. By your Holy Spirit give love, tenderness, and patience to parents, as they fulfill their role as the primary educators of their children, and glorify you by the example of their lives. Inspired by the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph may every family grow in holiness as your disciples in the world. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

† PARISH NEWS CONT....



EASTER FLOWERS IN MEMORY/HONOR

If you wish to make a donation toward the Easter lilies in memory or in honor of your loved one(s), please submit them to the parish office by noon on Monday, April 10th. Thank you!

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Our 2016 PARISH DIRECTORIES have arrived!

If you had your photo taken by LifeTouch or had one submitted for the directory, you may pick up your **FREE** book in the parish office between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM TUESDAY – FRIDAY (The office is closed on Mondays). If you did not get your photo in the directory, you may still purchase a directory for a \$10 charge. Thank you!

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BIDS FOR KIDS tickets are NOW on Sale!



Make plans to attend this awesome event that supports John Paul II School, Faith Formation and the Foundation. Purchase your tickets after Mass or in either parish or JP II School office. Due to the sellout of last year's event, all seats will be assigned this year. So, get some friends together and purchase a reserved table of 8! –Thank you for your support!

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Living Stations of the Cross: The youth of the parishes in Gr. 7-12 are invited to participate in the Living Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, April 14th at 5:30pm in Holy Family Church and at 7:00pm in Holy Spirit Church. There will be four practices (4/9, 10, 12, 14). Several young men and women are needed. Sign up at Faith Formation or contact Briana Fiegen at briana.fiegen@ffmitchell.com or 996-3639.

JOHN PAUL II SCHOOL NEWS



Robin Cahoy – Principal
1510 W Elm Ave, Mitchell, SD 57301
(605) 996-2365 – Website: www.johnpaul2.org

We are excited about the parent friendly preschool we will be offering again this fall with childcare in our building daily. We are so blessed by the support of our parishes which allows our parish families the opportunity to attend John Paul II School! Our high standard of academics as well as the integration of our Catholic faith into each subject everyday truly allows our children to live and grow in their faith and knowledge. We would love to show all families how we "Connect Kids to Christ!" Give us a call today at 996-2365 to register your child.

The 3rd – 6th graders will have Confessions this week to prepare their hearts for Easter. You are invited to attend Mass on Wednesdays at 9:00 and also Stations of the Cross at 2:30 on Fridays during Lent.

Thank-you to the Mitchell High School Friend de Coup Show Choir who will come to visit us on their tour of schools on Tuesday, April 4 to perform their competition show.

I would like to extend an invitation to the community of Mitchell to purchase tickets for our second annual "Bids for Kids" at the Highland Mall on Friday, April 21. This event will help fund Catholic Education, both for John Paul II School and Faith Formation in the city of Mitchell. There will be many live auction items, games, a dessert auction, and of course the evening entertainment. Feel free to contact the school, MFCE, or Faith Formation office for tickets.

We invite everyone to our monthly Restaurant fundraiser at Culver's from 5:00 – 8:00 PM on Tuesday, April 4.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

- 04/04 8:00am d. Louie Nolz
- 04/05 8:00am d. Eileen Goreham
- 04/06 8:00am d. Mr. & Mrs. J.J. Verschoor and family
- 04/07 8:00am d. Anita Steinfeld
- 04/08 5:00pm d. Kathryn Ellwein
- 04/09 8:30am d. Jackie Miiller
- 10:00am d. Kenneth Steichen
- 11:30am For Holy Family Parish

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers

- 04/08 5:00pm L-S Kirby, V Redder; EM-Deacon Graves, M Redder, D Petersen, S Loecker, (R Scheich- Sub Request)
- 04/09 8:30am L-T Sabers, J Schumacher; EM-T Schumacher, W&K Schoenfelder, B McNeil, A Deinert
- 10:00am L-A Novak, N Sparks; EM-P Essig, K Hohn, D Price, A Sparks, C Symes
- 11:30am L-K Ewing, J Paulson; EM-H Kelly, P Paulson, S Peschong, (K Mohr – Sub Request)

Mass Servers

- 04/08 5:00pm J Ebert, A Fergen, K Gullings
- 04/09 8:30am C&J Mentele
- 10:00am E,M&S Novak
- 11:30am A&E Driscoll, A Moller

Ministers of Hospitality

- 04/08 5:00pm M Bittner, J&N Fradet, B&J Freeman
- 04/09 8:30am B&D Everson, D Sabers, R&D Kelly
- 10:00am L&V Boehmer, K Larson, T&C Riddle
- 11:30am D Kitchens, Z Mohr, T&M Grajkowske, C Stucky

WEEKLY BULLETIN BOARD



- 4/02 **Communal Penance at Holy Spirit Church – 3pm**
 - 4/04 **Eucharistic Adoration – 8:30am to 8:00pm**
 - Women's Choir Rehearsal – 5 pm – Music Office**
 - 4/05 **John Paul II School Mass – 9am – Holy Spirit Church**
 - St Joseph's Guild – 5:15pm – Holy Spirit Parish Hall**
 - Faith Formation Classes – K-6 5:30pm/7-12 6:45pm – JP II School**
 - Full Choir – 6pm Music Office**
 - RCIA –7:30pm – Nazareth Rm**
 - 4/06 **Lamb's Supper Course – Morn 9am/Eve 6:30pm –Naz. Rm**
 - 4/07 **Stations of the Cross – 12 Noon**
- (SEE CONFESSION SCHEDULE FOR LENT UNDER FR. STEVENS' COLUMN)

HELPING HANDS NEEDED



Friday, April 7th – 6:00 PM – Nazareth Rm

Please come and help as we prepare for Easter! We will be stripping palms and putting candles in holders. Call the parish office at 996-3639 to let us know if you are able to help out. Thank you!

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The New Mitchell Food Pantry is now open at 212 W 1st Ave. Items most in need are Juice, Cereal, and Fruit, especially Apple Sauce and

Oranges, canned or fresh. Donations may be left in the bin located in the foyer of the main entrance to the Gathering Space or you may bring them directly to the Food Pantry. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please mail to: Mitchell Area Food Pantry, PO Box 815, Mitchell, SD 57301.

S.C.R.I.P. WILL BE SOLD IN THE GATHERING SPACE AFTER MASS TODAY!